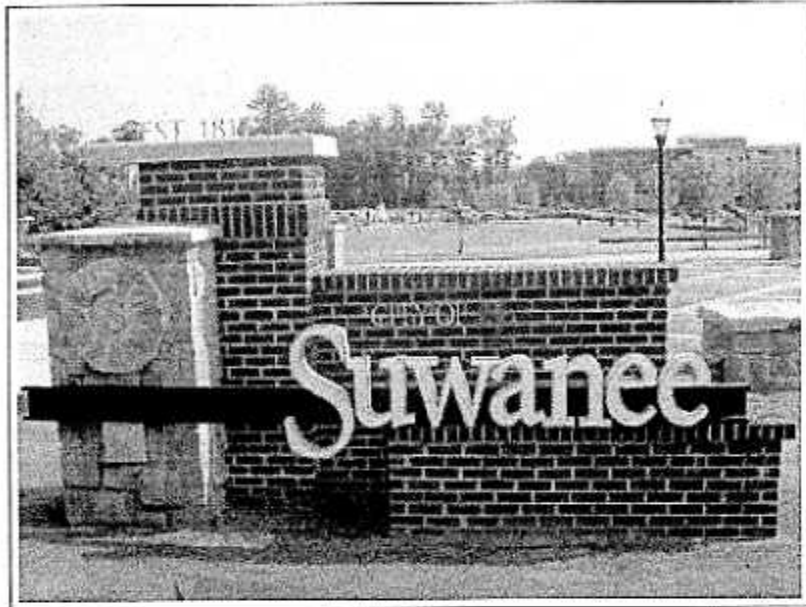


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Suwanee Gateway receives \$50,000 for beautification



GWINNETT COUNTY - Suwanee and two Community Improvement Districts in Gwinnett received \$150,000 in grants to improve active I-85 interchanges with redevelopment potential.

The \$50,000 grant that Suwanee received will be used for landscape enhancements around the GA-317 (Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road), Interstate-85 interchange, called the Suwanee Gateway by the city. The beautification project is part of the city's overall redevelopment plan that includes infrastructure, streetscape and transportation improvements as well as marketing and branding for the area. The landscaping improvements that will be partially funded through the grant are an integral part of the overall plan for the area.

"Suwanee Gateway is in good company with the CID areas," said Denise Brinson, director of economic and community development for the City of Suwanee. "The fact that so many communities are working to redevelop and make these types of improvements does nothing but cement the notion that great things are happening in Gwinnett."

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) also awarded \$50,000 grants to the Gwinnett Village Community Improvement District (CID) and Gwinnett Place CID.

The Gwinnett Place CID project centers around continued landscape improvements at the Interstate-85, Pleasant Hill Road interchange and includes enhanced landscaping for the northeast and southeast quadrants of that exit. The CID has already undertaken and completed a similar project for the Stone Mountain Boulevard interchange and part of the